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1. [] Rady Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), called to ask if we were briefing Fulbright on the dike problem. I said it was scheduled for this afternoon and he could tell Laird we were taking care of it.

Johnson said Defense had decided that the Nelson amendment regarding weather manipulation was "undebatable" and they were taking no position on it vis-a-vis the Armed Services Committee.

I asked Johnson what they were doing about the Symington amendment (Laos ceiling). He said Fred Buzhardt, Defense General Counsel, was trying to work out some compromise language they hoped we could all live with. I said I thought this might create problems and we much preferred a major effort to knock out the whole thing in conference. Johnson said this would be preferable, but he wasn't sure it was feasible. I said, nevertheless, I thought we ought to pull out all the stops, and go the compromise language route, only as a last resort.

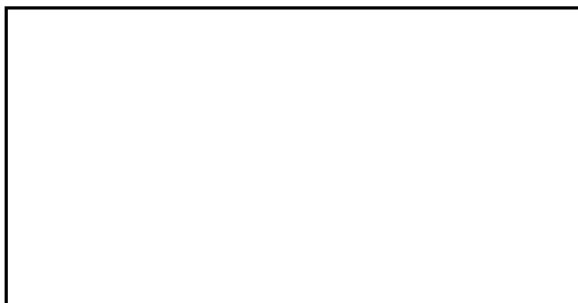
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2. [] Briefed Dorothy Fosdick and Richard Perle, National Security and International Operations Subcommittee staff, on Soviet withdrawal from Egypt, Cuban foreign policy, Soviet missile tests, Soviet ship construction, and Soviet fighter aircraft deployment to the Far East.

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3. [] Representative Ogden R. Reid (D., N.Y.) contacted me this morning and told me about his letter of 25 July to the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee requesting a congressional investigation into charges that the Central Intelligence Agency and the State Department have been actively involved in illegal narcotics traffic from Southeast Asia. See Memorandum for the Record.

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4. [] Delivered Copies 1 and 2 of the transcript of the Director's testimony before House Armed Services on Wednesday, 26 July, to Mrs. Innis McDonald, House Armed Services Committee Document Control officer. Copy 3 has been retained in the Agency. Mrs. McDonald will forward the two copies to Miss Bernice Kalinowski, Personal Secretary and Assistant to the Chief Counsel, Frank Slatinshek.

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5. [] Called Miss Jean Sparkes, Special Assistant to Representative Lawrence J. Hogan (R., Md.), and told her that the Director has reviewed the application for extension on retirement of [] with approval. The retirement date has been extended one year to 1 March 1974. Miss Sparkes was most appreciative and said she would call [] who had contacted Representative Hogan about this matter and pass the good news to her. No further action is required. [] has been advised.

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6. [] Received a call from Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who asked if the briefing for Mr. Mahon and the Special Group could be put over one day to Thursday, 3 August at 10:00 a.m. After checking with the Director, I confirmed the change with Mr. Preston.

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7. [] Talked to Mr. Robert Lockhart, Assistant Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that Chairman Henderson had convened a meeting this week on H.R. 1682, the Federal Executive Service. The draft Committee bill was discussed but in the absence of a Committee quorum. Chairman Henderson will convene another meeting next week.

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8. [] Accompanied the Director, Messrs. Duckett, DDS&T, and [] to a briefing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on SALT verification. See Memorandum for the Record.

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9. [] and I met with Mr. Ralph Preston, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, and queried him as to whether Dr. Al Hall, OSD, has been scheduled to appear before the Committee to talk about the work he has been doing in his new job. Preston said no date has been set for this and he is not optimistic that it will come about in the near future. See Memorandum for the Record.

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